

AGENDA ITEM: 6

SUBJECT:

Update of activities associated with the State Water Resources Control Board and Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board's Cannabis Permitting and Enforcement Programs

BOARD ACTION:

Informational Item Only

SUMMARY:

The Central Valley Water Board's Cannabis Regulatory Program began in 2014 as a Pilot Program with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to identify and regulate environmental damages associated with cannabis cultivation sites. Since that initial effort, both the Water Boards and Fish and Wildlife programs have grown into statewide efforts. A statewide cannabis Policy and General Order has been adopted by the State Water Board for regulation of both water diversions and waste discharges from cannabis cultivation sites, and statewide licensing agencies have been created for licensing requirements of cannabis cultivation sites, manufacturing, testing, and sales of cannabis products.

This informational item will provide an update on the Central Valley Water Board Cannabis Regulatory Program's progress, permitting and enforcement efforts currently being undertaken, structure of the Program, statewide efforts and initiatives currently underway, and continued challenges faced by the Program.

REVIEWS:

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